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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN CASE WHERE AQUILA SEEKS TO SELL ITS GAS SYSTEM TO THE EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY

JEFFERSON CITY--Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P, The Empire District Gas Company and The Empire District Electric Company have filed a joint application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking Commission authority for Aquila to sell, transfer and assign certain assets and liabilities regarding its natural gas system in Missouri to The Empire District Gas Company. The Empire District Gas Company is a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of The Empire District Electric Company.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before **November 30, 2005**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: James C. Swaengen, Brydon, Swaengen & England, P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; Charles Brent Stewart and Jeffrey A. Keevil, Stewart & Keevil, 4603 John Garry Drive Suite 11, Columbia, Missouri 65203; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Commission. Individual customers wishing to comment may contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

Aquila, Inc. provides natural gas service to approximately 48,500 customers in Missouri.